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PRIMARY ACADEMIC

POSITION EDUCATION

2020 - Assistant Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

2013 - 2019 Ph.D., Economics, University of California at Berkeley

Dissertation: "Agency and Market Efficiency in the U.S. Health Care Industry"

Advisors: Benjamin Handel & Jonathan Kolstad

2008 - 2011 B.Sc., Mathematics and Economics, American University

**PUBLICATIONS** 

"What Does a Deductible Do? The Impact of Cost-Sharing on Health Care Prices, Quantities, and Spending Dynamics" (with Amitabh Chandra, Benjamin Handel, and Jonathan Kolstad), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2017, 132(3): 1261-1318

"The Behavioral Foundations of Default Effects: Theory and Evidence from Medicare Part D" (with Timothy Layton, Boris Vabson, and Adelina Yanyue Wang), conditionally accepted at *American Economic Review* 

WORKING PAPERS

"Rationing Medicine Through Bureaucracy: Authorization Restrictions in Medicare" (with Samantha Burn, Timothy Layton and Boris Vabson), revisions requested at *American Economic Review* 

"Intermediation and Vertical Integration in the Market for Surgeons" (with Mathijs de Vaan)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"Who Bears the Burden of Rising Health Care Costs? Evidence from Hospital Mergers" (with Zack Cooper, Stuart Craig, Lev Klarnet, Ithai Lurie, and Corbin Miller)

"Is There Too Little Antitrust Enforcement in the US Hospital Sector?" (with Zack Cooper, Stuart Craig, and Lev Klarnet)

"The Consequences of Privatizing Social Health Insurance: Medicare Advantage vs. Traditional Medicare" (with Yalun Su, Boris Vabson, Scott Bilder, Barton Jones, Iman Mohammadi, Zulkarnain Pulungan, and Christie Tiegland)

"Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Vertical Relationships in Drug Supply" (with Catherine Che and Benjamin Handel)

"Productivity Spillovers, Common Agency, and the Underprovision of Hospital Performance Incentives" (with Scott Loring)

**TEACHING** 

2020 - PPHA 32300: Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy I (MPP)

**GRANTS AWARDED** 

2022 - 2024 Commonwealth Fund, "Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Vertical Relationships in Drug Supply" (Co-Principal Investigator, PIs: Brot-Goldberg/Handel)

2022 - 2024 Arnold Ventures, "Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Vertical Relationships in Drug Supply" (Co-Principal Investigator, PIs: Brot-Goldberg/Handel)

2021 Becker-Friedman Institute, "Rationing Medicine Through Bureaucracy: Authorization Restrictions in Medicare" (Principal Investigator)

2020 - 2022 Arnold Ventures, "Key Competition Issues in Health Care Markets: Private Equity Ownership, Vertical Integration, and the Labor Market Effects of Hospital Consolidation" (Investigator, PI: Cooper)

2020 - 2021 Arnold Ventures, "Competition Between Pharmacy Benefit Managers: A Structural Analysis of Two-Sided B2B Markets" (Co-Principal Investigator, PIs: Brot-Goldberg/Handel/Kolstad)

		Jameel Poverty Action Lab, U.S. Health Care Delivery Initiative, "Mobile-izing Medicine: Accessible Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Quality of Hospital Care" (Investigator, PI:
Honors, Awards, & Fellowships	2019	Richard Scheffler Health Economics Dissertation Award
	2018 - 2019	UC Berkeley Doctoral Completion Fellowship
	2018	NIHCM Foundation Health Care Research Award
	2015 - 2018	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
	2015	UC Berkeley Psychology and Economics Student Prize
	2013 - 2015	Departmental Fellowship, UC Berkeley Economics Department
	2011	Ruth Dewey Meade Prize for Outstanding Paper in Economics, American University
	2008 - 2011	Dean's List, American University College of Arts and Sciences
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	2023 Penn Wharton Health Care Management, UCLA Anderson, UCLA Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy, NBER Public Economics Meeting	
(INCLUDING SCHEDULED)	2022	Chicago Booth, UC Berkeley, APPAM (1 presentation, 1 discussion), CEPRA/NBER Con-
	ference on Aging, Cognitive Ability, and Decision-Making, NYU, Notre Dame, IIOC (1 presentation, 1	
	discussion), Bates White Life Sciences Symposium, SITE Conference on the IO of Healthcare and Consumer Finance Markets	
	2021	ASSA Meeting (1 presentation), UC Berkeley/Chicago (joint seminar), ASHEcon (2 dis-
	cussions), Chicago Fed, 12th Annual Empirical Health Law Conference, NBER Public Economics/Insurance Joint Meeting	
	2020 Donough	BU/Harvard/MIT Health Economics Seminar, ASHEcon (1 discussion), Georgetown Mc-
	2019 Columbia GSB, Duke Fuqua, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Yale SOM, UBC, Federal Trade Commission, Chicago Harris, Becker Friedman Institute Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference, ASHEcon (2 presentations, 1 discussion), NBER Summer Institute (Health Care), Yale Economics, Annual Health Economics Conference, Midwest IO Fest, FTC Microeconomics Conference,	
	Yale Health F	Policy & Management
	2018	ASHEcon (2 discussions), UC Berkeley (IO and Haas EAP)
OTHER POSITIONS	2021 - 2021 -	Faculty Affiliate, Healthcare Markets and Regulation Lab, Harvard University Faculty Affiliate, Gilbert Center, UC Berkeley
	2020 -	Faculty Affiliate, Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago
	2019 -	Research Associate, Population Research Center, University of Chicago
	2019 - 2020	Postdoctoral Associate, Tobin Center for Economic Policy, Yale University
PREDOCTORAL	2017	Research Assistant to Joseph Farrell
Positions	2013 - 2015	Consulting Researcher, Microsoft Research New England
	2014 - 2015 Sp. 2015	Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley ECON 201B, <i>Economic Theory</i> , Benjamin Hermalin
	Fa. 2014	ECON 191, Topics in Economic Research, Joseph Farrell
	2014	Research Assistant to Benjamin Handel
	2011 - 2013	Research Assistant, Microsoft Research New England
PROFESSIONAL	2021 -	Co-organizer, Harris Public Policy and Economics Workshop

Ad-hoc reviewer for American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Health Economics, Econometrica, Health Affairs, Health Economics, Health Services Research, Journal

Co-organizer, CHeSS Health Economics Workshop

American Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award

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of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Risk and Insurance, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics